THE SHAKERITE

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Winter Sports Receive Boost

Shaker's Winter Sports Ticket sale was held November 14 through 18 this year. The tickets, which cost three dollars, are good for all home basketball games, swimming meets, and wrestling matches.

The Winter Sports Tickets were sold and distributed through the homerooms by the Student Council representatives. The proceeds from the sale will go to the school athletic fund. The ticket sale is designed to increase school attendance at sports events by lowering the cost for attending games.

A Winter Sports Ticket costs only three dollars and is good for entrance to six home wrestling matches, seven home swimming meets, and eight home basketball games. Even with the advance ticket sales, six sports events would cost as much as the whole Winter Sports Ticket. The Winter Sports Ticket sale is in its third season and Shaker remains one of two Lake Erie League schools that offers the ticket to the students.

This year 414 tickets were sold while only 150 were sold last year. Students bought more tickets since no advanced tickets will be sold for home games.

Left to right, witches Barbara Lewine, Ellen Picard and Sue Sahley gaze at the *Macbeth* leads, Kathy Koret and Mike Paul.

Gourmets Cook Dinner At Thanksgiving Feast

The Foods II cooking class preceded the rest of Shaker in the best part of Thanksgiving. These 16 girls prepared, served, and ate a complete turkey dinner November 17.

The fare consisted of such delicacies as the inevitable turkey, dressing, cranberry sauce, chocolate pie, and a sweet potato casserole. The girls individually prepared the meal and table decorations beforehand. At 10 in the morning and within a period of 55 minutes, the class set up the meal and cleaned up afterwards.

The girls were very pleased with the results of their Thanksgiving dinner. They unanimously agreed to prepare a similar feast for Christmas on December 14. They hope to use new linen and glassware for this occasion. This time the meal will be late in the afternoon and members of the faculty will be guests.

Seniors Turn Dramatic In Macbeth Production

The Shaker drama department will present this year's senior class play, Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, December 9 and 10 at 8:30 p.m. A special matinee performance will be given Saturday afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

The performances will be in the large auditorium. Tickets for the evening performances are being sold for 75 cents with an activity ticket and for a dollar without the ticket at the door.

The Shaker drama department will present its first Saturday matinee only for Cleveland area and suburban school drama groups. Tickets are available to these groups at a special rate. A reception in the social room will follow the performance. The profits from all performances will be shared by both the drama department and the senior class, this being a major fund-raiser for the class.

Macbeth is the tragic story of disaster brought about because of too much ambition. Macbeth's and Lady Macbeth's desire for success and the witches' prophecies of Macbeth's eventual kingship drive Macbeth to murder Duncan, the King of Scotland. Macbeth is crowned king after several other murders. However, his tyrannical rule is interrupted when he is finally overthrown and murdered by Macduff.

The cast of Macbeth is headed by Michael Paul as Macbeth, Joel Spector as Banquo, Kathryn Koret as Lady Macbeth, Geoff Fougere as Macduff, and Joseph Bass as Duncan. Director in charge of the play is John Barner and technical director is Charles Domovich.

Choir Sings Seasonal Songs For First Television Taping

The Shaker Heights High School A Cappella Choir under the direction of Reynold Ellis will appear on Wednesday, December 7, in "Songs of the Season," a special television program. WEWS, Channel Five, will broadcast the half-hour program in color at 6:30 p.m.

"Songs of the Season" is one of the four such special programs which WEWS will show on consecutive Wednesday evenings. The programs will feature local high school choirs. Louis B. Seltzer, former editor of **The Cleveland Press**, will emcee the show.

The Shaker A Cappella Choir will appear with choirs from three other high schools: Brush, Lorain, and Willoughby Eastlake-North. These three choirs and the Shaker choir contain a combined total of 400 voices.

The choir will offer three selections during the season special. They include a Negro spiritual entitled "I'm Gonna Sing," an 18th century piece called "Let All Give Thanks to God," and "Holy, Holy, Holy" by Felix Mendelssohn.

The choir taped the program in the WEWS studios on Wednesday, November 23.

Welfare Committee Drives For Successful Campaigns

The Welfare Committee and its chairman, Linda Wolff, are busy getting the annual Christmas Welfare Drive under way and planning how they will raise the balance of the money necessary to carry out their Peace Corps project.

THE CHRISTMAS Welfare Drive began November 29, when each homeroom chose which of two things it would do: adopt a needy family or give a party at a settlement house, nursing home, or home for handicapped children. Adopting a family and giving it a Merry Christmas would entail providing Christmas dinner, a tree, and such presents as canned food, toys, and good used clothing. A party might include games, songs, and refreshments. Homeroom members would give the party sometime after school or during vacation.

This policy differs from last year's drive, in which homerooms either elected to adopt a family or else did nothing at all.

TO BUILD a school in an underdeveloped country for the Peace Corps project, the Welfare Committee needs another $250. Committee members plan to raise this sum by holding a special event sometime after Christmas vacation. This will be a dance, bake sale, and auction combined. Faculty members will act as auctioneers. Funds will be raised for the project by the sale of gag gifts. Local stores will donate gifts for the auction. It is hoped that the week of this event an assembly featuring a Peace Corps representative will be held.

"Students owe it to themselves to assure underprivileged families a Merry Christmas and to support the Peace Corps school project," says welfare chairman Linda Wolff. "I urge them to concentrate their efforts to help fill these needs.

The Shakerite wishes to congratulate Freda Wilkerson on her winning of the National Achievement Scholarship. This scholarship, administered by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, is awarded to outstanding Negro students.

Committee Ideas Satisfy Student Activity Hunger

The committee for noon-hour activities of the Student Council is making concrete plans for lunch period activities. Members of the Student Council and the Executive Board have suggested numerous ideas.

JACK DREWRY, president of Student Council, feels that there is a substantial need for noon-hour activities. Both the cafeteria and halls are noisy during lunch periods. Students wander through the building and around the campus after they have eaten lunch. Jack thinks that this energy could be channeled into more productive ends.

A NOON-HOUR activity last year that was successful was teach-ins. Students met with teachers and informally discussed various topics not taught as academic subjects. This year these seminars will be continued. Films will be shown either in the Social Room or in the gym, though these plans have not been finalized. The committee is still working on additional ideas, while representatives have been asked to discuss this matter.

Students loiter in a restricted second floor corridor talking and eating during 12th lunch period. This shows the desperate need for noon hour activities to prevent class interference.

PTA Discusses Code Revisions

Proposals now under consideration by the Student Council guarantee that Shakerites will have more lenient dress regulations.

A group of students, parents, and teachers met for the first time at the home of Shaker's PTA President, Mrs. Alan Gross, to discuss their opinions concerning Shaker's Dress Code. Eight adults, who represented the PTA, five students, and two teachers, met to discuss a revision of our long unrevised dress code.

After much discussion, the wearing of sandals was overruled and culottes frowned upon, but certain kinds of levis show promise of being made acceptable school attire in the very near future. Levis that are either corduroy or "stay-press" found approval by the committee, and after recommendations, it is likely that these kinds of levis will have a good chance of becoming a part of accepted school attire. The requirement of the parents is that the pants have a crease.

The Student Council Dress Code Committee proposed that their committee become a standing committee of Student Council in charge of revising the Dress Code each year so that it will not become antiquated.

Sandals were over-ruled mainly because the chemistry department felt that the chemicals in the lab could injure bare feet.

Schermer Defends Band; Tittle Dislikes Editorial

Dear Editor:

As president of the Shaker Heights High School Band, I should like to reply to Richard Whittington's recent letter concerning the band.

Mr. Whittington seemed to think that we supported the football team only when conditions were perfect. He cited the Holy Name, Lakewood, and Euclid games as examples. However, he failed to note that we have $10,000 invested in new uniforms, and about $35,000 invested in instruments. The inclement weather at the Lakewood and Euclid games would have ruined the uniforms and instruments, if we had stayed on the field any longer than necessary. The important thing is that we showed up. The Holy Name game was held on the night of a Jewish holiday, and the amount of band members who showed up at the game was a credit to the school and the band. Our late arrival was due to the fact that the people committed to their religious obligations could not have left any earlier.

I believe the band deserves more school support for all the work they do during the year. We stay at school until 4:00 p.m. daily and sometimes later to prepare for football games, concerts, pep rallies, and the like. Before denouncing the Shaker Band publicly, I believe Mr. Whittington should have presented his gripe to us first, so he would have known the true facts.

Sincerely yours,
Bruce Schermer

Dear Editor:

I think that the article concerning the boys' gym classes was unfit for publication in *The Shakerite*. The writer, and I use the term loosely, exhibited a complete lack of logic by comparing the boys' gym classes to the girls'. By nature, boys are more unruly than girls, and one can readily see this in the gym classes.

At the beginning of a typical boys' class, before attendance is taken, there is utter confusion with as many as five fights breaking out. Then the teachers have to try to quiet over 100 energetic boys and anyone with two eyes and half-a-brain would see that this is nearly impossible because of the boys' refusal to cooperate. While it is true that more organization would help, the fact still remains that boys' teachers face a task much harder than that of the girls' teachers and any comparison is unrealistic. The gym teachers said that no one talked to them about this article, and this shows that the writer wasn't too concerned with writing a factual article. I'd like to congratulate the writer for making a fool out of himself, but he didn't have the nerve to put his name to his "masterpiece," so I am unable to.

Sincerely yours,
Don Tittle

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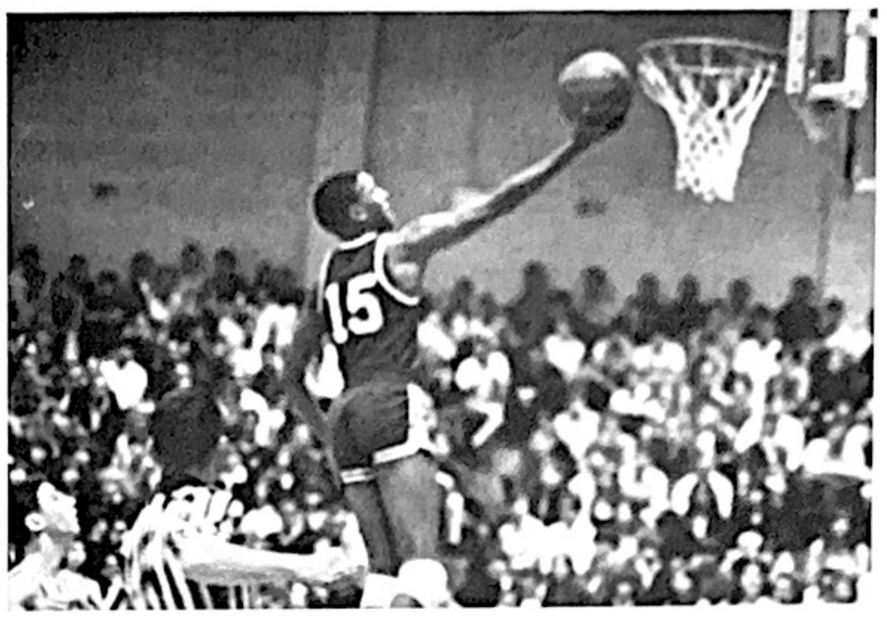

A helpless Tiger looks on as junior forward Milan Tiff reaches high for a score in the winning effort against rival Heights.

Hoopers Hold Tigers 61-45 Following Bison Beating

Shaker basketball fans will have to wait until later in the season to learn which is the real 1966-67 Red Raider basketball team. Is it the team which fell to Beachwood 49-42, on November 23, or the one that trounced Cleveland Heights, 61-45, two days later?

Part of the answer should come tonight when the Raiders take on Valley Forge, with whom they shared the Lake Erie League title last year, in their sternest test so far this season.

The loss to Beachwood was a see-saw battle. The lead changed hands six times before the Bisons went ahead to stay with 5:05 remaining in the third quarter.

The score was tied 24-24 at halftime, but Beachwood outscored the visitors, 13-6, in the third quarter as Shaker's shooting percentage dropped to 17 per cent. Captain Dana Garfield led the scoring for the Heinlenmen with 18 points.

Shaker never trailed in the Heights game. The Red and White jumped to a quick 7-0 lead, and were on top, 19-6, after one quarter. The Raiders outshot their hosts 39 per cent to 29 per cent. Junior Milan Tiff led the scoring with 23 points, 15 of them coming in the second half.

Jim Robson added 16 tallies, while Garfield pulled down 15 rebounds to go with his seven points. Clarence Daniels and Lee Harvey scored eight and seven points, respectively. Captain Garfield was named Raider of the Week for his performance.

Winter Dances To Be Informal

by Mitch Dubick

Attendance of over 500 students made the A.F.S. Open House on November 18 a pleasant and surprising success. It proved that the student body wished to support the A.F.S. program and to have more inexpensive yet entertaining events.

Social Council has scheduled more of these dances than ever before, after home basketball games and during other free evenings. I hope that present interest continues. I hope, too, that students will show good judgment in their dress at these affairs. As you know, steps are being taken to revise the dress code for school and evening events. Your cooperation will speed its progress. Until a definite decision is reached, however, please observe the present standards and spare yourself the embarrassment of being asked to leave any social events.

Exams really aren't so far away and neither is the annual Exam Bang Carnival and Dance on January 26, from 7:30-12:00. The Exam Bang, sponsored by the PTA and Social Council, is being completely revamped and promises to be the best event of the year!

Editorial

Final Exemption Proposed For Highest Grade Seniors

Discussion of the proposal exempting senior students with "A" averages from taking finals second semester has reached the administrative level. The final decision about this controversial plan, which has received support from many students and teachers, rests with the administration and the school board.

THE PROPOSAL obviously has many advantages. Second semester is traditionally the time for senior slump. Seniors assume the "I don't care" attitude and those who have been admitted to college often give up even the pretense of studying.

However, if a student knew that he would not have to study for the final in a course in which he had maintained an "A" average, he would have the incentive to work harder to keep up his grade. Because seniors have been under so much pressure, missing a final would be a good reward for hard work.

The arguments against this proposal do have some merit. The students who do not have to study for one or two finals, will naturally have more time to study for their other exams. This penalizes the student who must divide his time between four or five finals.

BECAUSE THE proposal is optional for the teachers, there will be some who will feel that they cannot fairly grade a student who has not taken a final examination.

However, hopefully the administration will see that the advantages of this proposal outweigh the disadvantages.

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